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46 CFR Part 515

Docket No. 99-23

IN THE MATTER OF A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL CONTEMPORANEOUSLY ACTING AS
THE QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL FOR BOTH AN OCEAN FREIGHT FORWARDER AND
A NON-VESSEL-OPERATING COMMON CARRIER

AGENCY: Federal Maritime Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Federal Maritime Commission amends its regulations pertaining to the licensing requirements of ocean transportation intermediaries in accordance with the Shipping Act of 1984, as amended by The Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998. We are also republishing a certification process pertaining to drug convictions that was previously omitted.

DATES: This rule becomes effective [Insert date thirty (30) days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On February 14, 2000, the Federal Maritime Commission ("FMC" or "Commission") published a proposed rule to amend 46 C.F.R. § 515.11(c) to allow affiliated companies to have the same qualifying individual to obtain a license under this part. 65 Fed. Reg. 7335. The proceeding was initiated in response to a petition filed with the Commission by the National Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association of America ("NCBFAA") which sought the issuance of a declaratory order confirming, pursuant to 46 C.F.R. § 515.11(c) (1999), that a single individual can act contemporaneously as the qualifying individual for both an ocean freight forwarder and a non-vessel-operating common carrier ("NVOCC"), as long as they are affiliated entities. In the alternative, NCBFAA sought a rulemaking to amend § 515.11(c) to achieve the same result. As discussed in the notice of proposed rulemaking, the Commission denied NCBFAA's petition for a declaratory order, and opted to address its concerns through a rulemaking.

Although not addressed in NCBFAA's petition, the Commission also proposed to amend the definition of "branch office" at 46 C.F.R. § 515.2(c), by removing the last sentence of the definition, which states that the term does not include a separately incorporated branch office. We explained that the Commission has recognized separately incorporated branch offices elsewhere in part 515, particularly with respect to the licensing and financial responsibility requirements, and that the proposed modification should remove any potential confusion.

Finally, we noted that in promulgating the rules to implement the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-258, 112 Stat. 1902, in Docket No. 98-28, Licensing, Financial Responsibility Requirements / and General Duties for Ocean Transportation Intermediaries, we inadvertently failed to carry over § 510.12(a)(2) into part 515. That section was a certification process to effect the requirements of 21 U.S.C. § 862, which provides that Federal benefits shall be withheld in certain circumstances from individuals who have been convicted of drug distribution or possession in Federal or state courts.

For the reasons set forth below, the Commission adopts the rules as proposed.

First, the Commission received one comment in response to the notice of proposed rulemaking from NCBFAA, who finds the Commission's proposal to amend § 515.11(c) sufficiently broad to remedy and eliminate the problems identified by NCBFAA in its petition. In addition, NCBFAA notes that it agrees with the Commission that the proposal will reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens and provide savings to those companies that would have been otherwise forced to modify their business structures. NCBFAA asserts that the proposal will not serve to diminish the professionalism and responsibility of ocean transportation intermediaries ('OTIs"), because the entities will be supervised by a person possessing the requisite expertise in accordance with the Commission's licensing requirements. Finally, NCBFAA declares that

it fully supports the proposal, believing it to be in the public interest, and requests that the Commission issue a final rule in the proposed form at the earliest date.

We appreciate NCBFAA's comments and accordingly adopt as final the amendment to § 515.11(c).

In addition, no comments were submitted with respect to either the proposed modification to the definition of branch office or the republication of the certification required by 21 U.S.C. § 862, Therefore, the proposed modifications are carried forward in the final rule.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Need for and ~~objective~~ of the rule.

In response to a petition filed by the NCBFAA, the FMC is amending 46 C.F.R. § 515.11(c) to allow affiliated ocean freight forwarder and NVOCC entities to have the same qualifying individual in order to obtain a license under this part.

~~Summary of the significant issues raised by public comments in response to the initial regulatory flexibility analysis.~~

No public comments were received in response to the initial regulatory flexibility analysis.

~~Description and ~~estimate~~ of the number of small businesses to which the rule will apply.~~

The Commission believes that the final rule will benefit OTIs by allowing affiliated ocean freight forwarders and NVOCCs to have the same qualifying individual in order to obtain a license under

this part. At present, there are approximately 600 OTIs with affiliated ocean freight forwarder and NVOCC operations affected by the proposed rulemaking, including approximately 20 sole proprietorships.

Entities affected by the current rule, particularly sole proprietorships, could have been required to modify their existing business structures, either by (1) merging their affiliated ocean freight forwarder and NVOCC operations, (2) creating a branch office, or (3) hiring another qualifying individual to oversee their operations. However, the Commission's Bureau of Consumer Complaints and Licensing (formerly the Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing) has refrained from denying licenses on this basis pending the conclusion of this proceeding.

~~Description of the projected reporting, recordkeeping and other compliance requirements of the rule, including an estimate of the classes of small entities that will be subject to the requirement and the types of professional skills necessary for the preparation of the report or record.~~

The Commission is not aware of any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements as a result of the proposed rulemaking. Rather, the Commission believes that the impact of the new rule will be primarily to benefit sole proprietorship OTIs by permitting affiliated entities to have the same qualifying individual to satisfy the licensing requirements of this part.

The benefit of the final rulemaking can be measured primarily as the savings to sole proprietorships of not having to modify

their business structures as described above. Moreover, it will benefit corporations and partnerships with affiliated freight forwarder and NVOCC operations by giving them greater flexibility in selecting a single qualifying individual for both organizations. However, it is not feasible to specifically quantify these benefits because individual OTI operations vary dramatically in scope and overhead.

The Chairman cannot certify that the final rulemaking will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. However, the Commission believes that the new rule will have no adverse impact on small entities, and further, that the impact will be to benefit OTIs by allowing affiliated entities to have the same qualifying individual to obtain an OTI license.

~~Steps the FMC has taken to minimize the significant economic impact on small entities consistent with the stated objectives of applicable statutes, including a statement of the factual, policy and legal reasons for selecting the alternative in the final rule, and the reasons for rejecting each of the other significant alternatives.~~

The Commission invited comments to the initial regulatory flexibility analysis from all interested parties. However, as stated above, no public comments were received in response to the initial regulatory flexibility analysis. The Commission believes that the only significant impact of the rulemaking will be to benefit OTIs by allowing affiliated ocean freight forwarders and NVOCCs to have the same qualifying individual.

The modifications to the proposed rule, the reasons for selecting alternative approaches, and the reasons for rejecting initial proposals, if any, are each thoroughly described in the Supplementary Information to the final rule.

Relevant federal rules that may duplicate, overlap, or conflict with the new rule.

The Commission is not aware of any other federal rules that duplicate, overlap, or conflict with the final rulemaking.

List of Subjects in 46 CFR part 515

Exports, Freight forwarders, Non-vessel-operating common carriers, Ocean transportation intermediaries, Licensing requirements, Financial responsibility requirements, Reports and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, the Federal Maritime Commission amends 46 CFR chapter IV, subchapter B, as set forth below:

PART 515 - LICENSING, FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, AND GENERAL DUTIES OF OCEAN TRANSPORTATION INTERMEDIARIES

1. The authority citation is amended to read as follows:

5 U.S.C. 553; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 46 U.S.C. app. 1702, 1707, 1709, 1710, 1712, 1714, 1716, and 1718; Pub. L. 105-383, 112 Stat. 3411; 21 U.S.C. 862.

2. In § 515.2, revise paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§515.2 Definitions.

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(c) Branch office means any office in the United States established by or maintained by or under the control of a licensee for the purpose of rendering intermediary services, which office is located at an address different from that of the licensee's designated home office.

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3. In § 515.11, revise paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§515.11 Basic requirements for licensing; eligibility.

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(c) Affiliates of intermediaries. An independently qualified applicant may be granted a separate license to carry on the business of providing ocean transportation intermediary services even though it is associated with, under common control with, or otherwise related to another ocean transportation intermediary through stock ownership or common directors or officers, if such applicant submits: a separate application and fee, and a valid instrument of financial responsibility in the form and amount prescribed under 515.21. The qualifying individual of one active licensee shall not also be designated as the qualifying individual of an applicant for another ocean transportation intermediary license, unless both entities are commonly owned or where one directly controls the other.

4. In § 515.12, revise paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§515.12 Application for license.

(a) Application and forms.

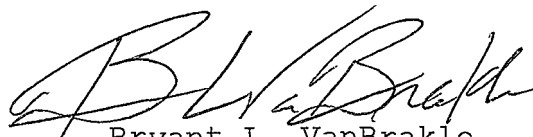
(1) Any person who wishes to obtain a license to operate as an ocean transportation intermediary shall submit, in duplicate, to the Director of the Commission's Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing, a completed application Form FMC-18 Rev. ("Application for a License as an Ocean Transportation Intermediary") accompanied by the fee required under \$515.5(b). All applicants will be assigned an application number, and each applicant will be notified of the number assigned to its application. Notice of filing of such application shall be published in the Federal Register and shall state the name and address of the applicant and the name and address of the qualifying individual. If the applicant is a corporation or partnership, the names of the officers or partners thereof shall be published.

(2) An individual who is applying for a license in his or her own name must complete the following certification:

I, _____ (Name) _____ certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States, that I have not been convicted, after September 1, 1989, of any Federal or state offense involving the distribution or possession of a controlled substance, or that if I have been so convicted, I am not ineligible to receive Federal benefits, either by court order or operation of law, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 862.

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By the Commission.


Bryant L. VanBrakle
Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

42 CFR Part 121

Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network; Response to Comment Period

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Final rule; response to comments.

SUMMARY: Section 413 of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999, signed into law by the President on December 17, 1999, provided that the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) Final Rule published on April 2, 1998, together with the amendments published on October 20, 1999, was not to become effective before March 16, 2000. The Department published a notice in the Federal Register on December 21, 1999, announcing the stay of the Final Rule and informing the public of the opportunity to submit comments on the Final Rule, as amended, for a 60-day period. After considering the comments submitted, the Department has determined that no further amendments to the Final Rule are warranted at this time.

DATES: The Final Rule published on April 2, 1998 (63 FR 16296) and amended on October 20, 1999 (64 FR 56650) became effective on March 16, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynn Rothberg Wegman, Director, Division of Transplantation, Office of Special Programs, HRSA, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 7C-22, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Telephone: 301-443-7577.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In response to the Federal Register notice of December 21, 1999 (64 FR 71626), the Department received 2,561 public comments. Of these, 2,205 were form letters. All of the form letters and a majority of the individual comments

opposed some provisions of the Final Rule. However, after reviewing these comments, the Department has concluded that the comments raised no significant issues not addressed previously in the history of this rulemaking. Indeed, the comments raised issues which were addressed in the amendments published on October 20, 1999 (64 FR 56650), and in explanatory language in the preamble to those amendments.

For these reasons, the Department has determined that no further amendments to the Final Rule are warranted by the most recent public comments at this time.

Dated: March 17, 2000.
Claude Earl Fox,
Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration.

Approved: March 17, 2000.
Donna E. Shalala,
Secretary.
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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

46 CFR Part 515

[Docket No. 99-23]

In the Matter of a Single-Individual Contemporaneously Acting as the Qualifying Individual for Both an Ocean Freight Forwarder and a Non-Vessel-Operating Common Carrier

AGENCY: Federal Maritime Commission.
ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Federal Maritime Commission amends its regulations pertaining to the licensing requirements of ocean transportation intermediaries in accordance with the Shipping Act of 1984, as amended by The Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998. We are also republishing a certification process pertaining to drug convictions that was previously omitted.

DATES: This rule becomes effective March 22, 2000.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 14, 2000, the Federal Maritime Commission ("FMC" or "Commission") published a proposed rule to amend 46 CFR 515.11(c) to allow affiliated companies to have the same qualifying individual to obtain a license under this part. 65 FR 7335. The proceeding was initiated in response to a petition filed with the Commission by the National Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association of America ("NCBFAA") which sought the issuance of a declaratory order confirming, pursuant to 46 CFR 515.11(c) (1999), that a single individual can act contemporaneously as the qualifying individual for both an ocean freight forwarder and a non-vessel-operating common carrier ("NVOCC"), as long as they are affiliated entities. In the alternative, NCBFAA sought a rulemaking to amend § 515.11(c) to achieve the same result. As discussed in the notice of proposed rulemaking, the Commission denied NCBFAA's petition for a declaratory order, and opted to address its concerns through a rulemaking.

Although not addressed in NCBFAA's petition, the Commission also proposed to amend the definition of "branch office" at 46 CFR 515.2(c), by removing the last sentence of the definition, which states that the term does not include a separately incorporated branch office. We explained that the Commission has recognized separately incorporated branch offices elsewhere in part 515, particularly with respect to the licensing and financial responsibility requirements, and that the proposed modification should remove any potential confusion.

Finally, we noted that in promulgating de rules to implement the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-258, 112 Stat. 1902, in Docket No. 98-28, Licensing, Financial Responsibility Requirements and General Duties for Ocean

Transportation Intermediaries, we inadvertently failed to carry over § 510.12(a)(2) into part 515. That section was a certification process to effect the requirements of 21 U.S.C. 862, which provides that Federal benefits shall be withheld in certain circumstances from individuals who have been convicted of drug distribution or possession in Federal or state courts.

For the reasons set forth below, the Commission adopts the rules as proposed.

First, the Commission received one comment in response to the notice of proposed rulemaking from NCBFAA, who finds the Commission's proposal to amend § 515.11(c) sufficiently broad to remedy and eliminate the problems identified by NCBFAA in its petition. In addition, NCBFAA notes that it agrees with the Commission that the proposal will reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens and provide savings to those companies that would have been otherwise forced to modify their business structures. NCBFAA asserts that the proposal will not serve to diminish the professionalism and responsibility of ocean transportation intermediaries ("OTIs"), because the entities will be supervised by a person possessing the requisite expertise in accordance with the Commission's licensing requirements. Finally, NCBFAA declares that it fully supports the proposal, believing it to be in the public interest, and requests that the Commission issue a final rule in the proposed form at the earliest date.

We appreciate NCBFAA's comments and accordingly adopt as final the amendment to § 515.11(c).

In addition, no comments were submitted with respect to either the proposed modification to the definition of branch office or the republication of the certification required by 21 U.S.C. 862. Therefore, the proposed modifications are carried forward in the final rule.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Need for and Objective of the Rule

In response to a petition filed by the NCBFAA, the FMC is amending 46 CFR 515.11(c) to allow affiliated ocean freight forwarder and NVOCC entities to have the same qualifying individual in order to obtain a license under this part.

Summary of the Significant Issues Raised by Public Comments in Response to the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

No public comments were received in response to the initial regulatory flexibility analysis.

Description and an Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses to Which the Rule Will Apply

The Commission believes that the final rule will benefit OTIs by allowing affiliated ocean freight forwarders and NVOCCs to have the same qualifying individual in order to obtain a license under this part. At present, there are approximately 600 OTIs with affiliated ocean freight forwarder and NVOCC operations affected by the proposed rulemaking, including approximately 20 sole proprietorships.

Entities affected by the current rule, particularly sole proprietorships, could have been required to modify their existing business structures, either by: (1) Merging their affiliated ocean freight forwarder and NVOCC operations; (2) creating a branch office; or (3) hiring another qualifying individual to oversee their operations. However, the Commission's Bureau of Consumer Complaints and Licensing (formerly the Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing) has refrained from denying licenses on this basis pending the conclusion of this proceeding.

Description of the Projected Reporting, Recordkeeping and Other Compliance Requirements of the Rule, Including an Estimate of the Classes of Small Entities That Will Be Subject to the Requirement and the Types of Professional Skills Necessary for the Preparation of the Report or Record

The Commission is not aware of any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements as a result of the proposed rulemaking. Rather, the Commission believes that the impact of the new rule will be primarily to benefit sole proprietorship OTIs by permitting affiliated entities to have the same qualifying individual to satisfy the licensing requirements of this part.

The benefit of the final rulemaking can be measured primarily as the savings to sole proprietorships of not having to modify their business structures as described above. Moreover, it will benefit corporations and partnerships with affiliated freight forwarder and NVOCC operations by giving them greater flexibility in selecting a single qualifying individual for both organizations. However, it is not feasible to specifically quantify these benefits because individual OTI operations vary dramatically in scope and overhead.

The Chairman cannot certify that the final rulemaking will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

However, the Commission believes that the new rule will have no adverse impact on small entities, and further, that the impact will be to benefit OTIs by allowing affiliated entities to have the same qualifying individual to obtain an OTI license.

Steps the FMC Has Taken To Minimize the Significant Economic Impact on Small Entities Consistent With the Stated Objectives of Applicable Statutes, Including a Statement of the Factual, Policy and Legal Reasons for Selecting the Alternative in the Final Rule, and the Reasons for Rejecting Each of the Other Significant Alternatives

The Commission invited comments to the initial regulatory flexibility analysis from all interested parties. However, as stated above, no public comments were received in response to the initial regulatory flexibility analysis. The Commission believes that the only significant impact of the rulemaking will be to benefit OTIs by allowing affiliated ocean freight forwarders and NVOCCs to have the same qualifying individual.

The modifications to the proposed rule, the reasons for selecting alternative approaches, and the reasons for rejecting initial proposals, if any, are each thoroughly described in the Supplementary Information to the final rule.

Relevant Federal Rules That May Duplicate, Overlap, or Conflict With the New Rule

The Commission is not aware of any other federal rules that duplicate, overlap, or conflict with the final rulemaking.

List of Subjects in 46 CFR Part 515

Exports, Freight forwarders, Non-vessel-operating common carriers, Ocean transportation intermediaries, Licensing requirements, Financial responsibility requirements, Reports and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, the Federal Maritime Commission amends 46 CFR chapter IV, subchapter B, as set forth below:

PART 515—LICENSING, FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, AND GENERAL DUTIES OF OCEAN TRANSPORTATION INTERMEDIARIES

1. The authority citation is amended to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 553; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 46 U.S.C. app 1702, 1707, 1709, 1710, 1712, 1714, 1716, and 1718; Pub. L. 105-383, 112 Stat. 3411; 21 U.S.C. 862.

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(c) Branch office means any office in de United States established by or maintained by or under the control of a licensee for the purpose of rendering intermediary services, which office is located at an address different from that of the licensee's designated home office.

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3. In § 515.11, revise paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§515.11 Basic requirements for licensing; eligibility.

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(c) *Affiliates of intermediaries.* An independently qualified applicant may be granted a separate license to carry on the business of providing ocean transportation intermediary services even though it is associated with, under common control with, or otherwise related to another ocean transportation intermediary through stock ownership or common directors or officers, if such applicant submits: a separate application and fee, and a valid instrument of financial responsibility in the form and amount prescribed under § 515.21. The qualifying individual of one active licensee shall not also be designated as the qualifying individual of an applicant for another ocean transportation intermediary license, unless both entities are commonly owned or where one directly controls the other.

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4. In § 515.12, revise paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§515.12 Application for license.

(a) Application and forms.

(1) Any person who wishes to obtain a license to operate as an ocean transportation intermediary shall submit, in duplicate, to the Director of the Commission's Bureau of Tariffs, Certification and Licensing, a completed application Form FMC-18 Rev. ("Application for a License as an Ocean Transportation Intermediary") accompanied by the fee required under § 515.5(b). All applicants will be assigned an application number, and each applicant will be notified of the number assigned to its application. Notice of filing of such application shall be published in the Federal Register. The applicant shall state the name and address of the applicant and the name and address of the qualifying individual. If the applicant is a corporation or partnership, the names of the officers or partners thereof shall be published.

(2) An individual who is applying for a license in his or her own name must complete the following certification:

I, _____ (Name), _____, certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States, that I have not been convicted, after September 1, 1989, of any Federal or state offense involving the distribution or possession of a controlled substance, or that if I have been so convicted, I am not ineligible to receive Federal benefits, either by court order or operation of law, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 862..

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By the Commission.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 572

[Docket No. NHTSA-2000-7051]

RIN 2127-AG 77

Anthropomorphic Test Devices; 3-Year-Old Child Crash Test Dummy

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document amends our regulation for Anthropomorphic Test Devices by adding a new, more advanced 3-year-old child dummy. The new dummy, part of the family of Hybrid III test dummies, is more representative of humans than the existing Subpart C 3-year-old child dummy in our regulation. Adding the dummy to our regulation is a step toward using the dummy in the tests we conduct to determine compliance with our safety standards. The use of the dummy in our compliance tests will be addressed in separate rulemaking proceedings.

DATES: The amendment is effective on May 22, 2000. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of May 22, 2000.

Petitions for reconsideration of the final rule must be received by May 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Petitions for reconsideration should refer to the docket number of this document and be submitted to: Administrator, Room 5220, National

Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For nonlegal issues: Stan Backaitis, Office of Crashworthiness Standards (telephone: 202-366-4912). For legal issues: Deirdre R. Fujita, Office of the Chief Counsel (202-366-2992). Both can be reached at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC, 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document amends our regulation for Anthropomorphic Test Devices (49 CFR part 572) by adding a new, more advanced 3-year-old child dummy. The new dummy, part of the family of Hybrid III test dummies, is more representative of humans than the existing 3-year-old child test dummy in part 572, and allows the assessment of the potential for more types of injuries in automotive crashes. The new dummy can be used to evaluate the effects of air bag deployment on out-of-position children, and can provide a fuller evaluation of the performance of child restraint systems in protecting young children.

NHTSA has already specified a number of child test dummies in part 572, including a 3-year-old child dummy (the specifications for which are set forth in subpart C of part 572). That dummy, along with dummies representing a newborn infant, a 9-month-old and a 12-year-old child, are used to test child restraint systems to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 213 (49 CFR 571.213). These test devices enable NHTSA to evaluate motor vehicle safety systems dynamically, in a manner that is both measurable and repeatable.

Today's final rule is part of NHTSA's effort to add improved child test dummies in part 572. We recently amended part 572 to add a new, more advanced, Hybrid III type 3-year-old child test dummy. We will soon issue a final rule adding a 12-month-old (CRABI 12) child test dummy. Together with the dummy adopted today, the new child test dummies would be used in tests we have proposed in our occupant crash protection standard (49 CFR 571.208) to assess the risks of air bag deployment for children, particularly unrestrained or improperly restrained children. The new child test dummies could also be incorporated into Standard No. 213 for use in compliance testing of child restraint systems. (Today's final rule only concerns adding the new 3-year-old test dummy to part 572. Issues relating to whether this or the other new dummies